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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
JOHN A. BECKMAN

Serial No. 09/025,531

Filed: February 18, 1998

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING
A VEHICLE FRAME ASSEMBLY
INCLUDING HYDROFORMED SIDE
RAILS HAVING INTEGRALLY
FORMED MOUNTING AREAS

Attorney Docket 1-5119

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Add new Claims 2 through 15 as follows:

~~2. The method defined in Claim 1 wherein the integrally formed mounting structure comprises an aperture formed through the first side rail.~~

~~3. The method defined in Claim 2 wherein the aperture is formed at a location corresponding to one of a front bumper bracket, a sheet metal bracket, a~~